

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, and 6-22 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 6-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 19 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form. In rewriting claim 19, intervening claims were not included. Furthermore, the dependent claims have been amended such that they now depend from independent claims 19 and 20. In view of the above, it is believed that the Examiner's art grounds of rejection has been rendered moot.

Furthermore, Applicants have added new independent claims 21 and 22 that clearly distinguish over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

In view of above remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of pending claims 2-4 and 6-22 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

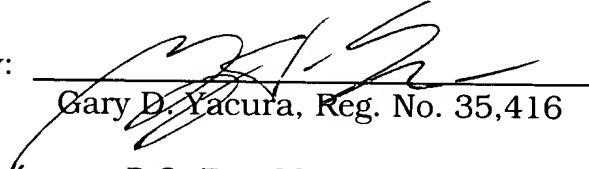
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Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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